

Leading Causes of Infant Death, 2008-2010

San Diego County Residence

Rank	Cause of Death	Number of Deaths	Mortality Rate
1	Congenital malformations, deformations, and chromosomal abnormalities	157	115.0
2	Sudden infant death syndrome	84	61.5
3	Newborn affected by maternal complications of pregnancy	72	52.7
4	Disorders related to short gestation and low birth weight, not elsewhere classified	68	49.8
5	Newborn affected by complications of placenta, cord and membranes	43	31.5
6	Neonatal hemorrhage	25	18.3
7	Diseases of the circulatory system	17	12.5
8	Respiratory distress of newborn	12	8.8
9	Accidents (unintentional injuries)	9	6.6
10	Intrauterine hypoxia and birth asphyxia	8	5.9
-	All other causes	133	97.4
-	Total	628	459.9

Notes:

- Infant mortality is defined as death prior to one year of age.
- Cause of death is based on the underlying cause of death reported on death certificates as classified by ICD-10 codes.
- Rank is based on total number of deaths in each of the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) "rankable" categories.
- Leading causes with rank higher than 10 or with fewer than 5 deaths are not listed.
- Infant mortality rates are number of deaths per 100,000 live births.
- Interpret with caution rates calculated on fewer than 20 events since they are considered statistically unreliable.

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